

Seniors Scalp Graduation Tickets

By Bryan Shone



Seniors are scrambling for any extra graduation tickets that they can obtain to allow more friends and family to attend Salisbury

University's graduation ceremony this spring. Scalping tickets has become popular, as some students are willing to pay as much as \$30 per ticket.

Approximately 1,000 students, along with faculty and family members, will gather May 18 for SU's Class of 2002 Commencement Ceremony. The Wicomico Youth and Civic Center, a building that holds a wide range of activities such as indoor yard sales and Barry Manilow concerts, will host yet another SU graduation ceremony.

Each graduating senior receives five graduation tickets, regardless of the number of family members and friends who want to attend.

"I know it is based on the number of graduates, [but] we should be able to get at least six to eight [tickets]," senior Debra DeRidder said.

Many seniors believe that the location of commencement should be larger. The Civic Center can hold nearly 8,000 people. Many

seniors said they are disappointed that only five of their closest family members and friends will be able to attend such a significant event in their lives, especially considering the amount of money students pay in tuition and fees.

Senior Gary Nesbitt said, "For such an important event it would seem that better accommodations should be made that would allow more friends and family to attend."

Some students said they are disturbed with the idea of picking and choosing the five "special" people who will be fortunate enough to watch them graduate. These seniors find it ridiculous that there is even a limit to the number of tickets given to each of them, feeling as though anyone who is proud of their accomplishments should be invited to the ceremony.



The main question is, what could the institution do to please all of the graduating seniors?

One way that students have obtained extra graduation tickets is by offering money to other students in exchange for tickets. Some students are willing to pay up to \$30 per ticket.

While most seniors suggest that the number of tickets per student should increase to at least seven or eight, this year's graduating class of 2002 is still stuck with five per person. In the years to come, SU may have to seek a new location for their spring graduation ceremony as the number of graduating students increases each year. As for now, the best bet for seniors may be to buy any extra tickets from those who are willing to sell them. This has become the last resort for seniors and they will still pay hard cash for tickets even though they don't believe they should have to.

"I want the people who have been supporting me for four years to be there," senior Tara Nibert said. "And if I want them to be there, I'm just going to have to suck it up [and pay]."

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Campus Police Crack Down on Replica Weapons

By Jesse Brushe

Campus police said they are concerned for student safety following three incidents involving replica handguns that threatened the Salisbury University community this academic year. One incident involved an SU student using a replica handgun to rob another student.

Police define a replica weapon as being any weapon designed or intended to resemble a real weapon. This includes look-alike handguns and paintball guns.

The replica handgun issue was thrust into the public eye after a deadly police shooting in a Maryland suburb. The Prince George's county shooting involved a 16-year-old girl who was shot and killed by police after brandishing what appeared to be a pistol. Shortly after the deadly shooting it was discovered that the handgun the teen possessed was a plastic replica.

SU, like Prince George's County, has recently been afflicted by replica gun related occurrences. There have been three replica gun incidents this year alone.

The first incident involved an eyewitness account of a student leaving the scene of a fight with a handgun in his waistband. Other than the eyewitness description, the police had nothing to go on and the case remains unsolved.

The second of the three incidences concerned a student waving a replica gun around in a dorm. This time, the male student was captured and a university judicial board sentenced the student to disciplinary probation. No charges were brought to local authorities.

Thirdly, and most daunting of the three, involved an off-campus armed robbery perpetrated by a Salisbury student. The student pointed the gun at another student and demanded money. The student who committed the robbery has since left SU and no formal charges were sought.

In hearing about the three incidents, freshman Dena Ferone said, "School should be a place to escape these types of things. It's scary to know that this can happen here."

SU Police Chief Jim Phillips said he is glad that none of the incidents of replica guns ended in violence; how-

ever, he raised the question, what should be done to prevent such occurrences from happening in the first place?

The primary concern of SU is the safety and protection of its students and staff. In order to make clear the issue of replica weapons, SU police and university officials are looking into possible options to strengthen the University's position on such offenses by creating a more concrete policy dealing with replica weapons in the student handbook.

SU police offer a solution to the issue in the form of a new school policy specifically outlining the schools replica weapons stance and punishments for those in violation of that viewpoint. Currently, although there is mention of look-alike weapons, there is no specific clause in the handbook exacting the school policy on replicas.

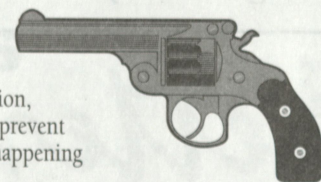
The new proposal by SU police would make it a punishable offense to be in possession of a replica weapon. The purpose behind the policy change is to further protect students and faculty from being put into a dicey situation.

However, the new policy would cover more than just replica weapons. Chief Phillips said, "Anything that shoots a projectile will fall under the realm of the new policy."

Therefore, under the new directive all paintball guns, hunting rifles, and air rifles would be banned from campus.

There is a delicate boundary between personal right and common safety, and with continued national and local media coverage, this issue is sure to become the center of much debate.

The SU police will present the new policy proposal at an upcoming SGA forum. The University encourages those with comments and opinions to come to the meeting to make your individual voice heard. The meeting will be held Sunday, March 17 at 7 p.m. in University Center, Room 206, across from Herb's Place.



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Graduation Ticket Turmoil

By Cheryl Killman

Graduation is a monumental occasion in the lives of college students and family members. Salisbury University has put a limit on how memorable this occasion really is. University officials give graduating seniors a total of five tickets. Right now, they sell for as little as \$15 to as much as \$30. Come May, the prices may be much higher.

So what could be done? Graduation is normally held in the Wicomico Youth and Civic Center, which as we all know has a limited number of seats. One possible solution is holding it outside. However, graduation would then be at the mercy of the weather, and a back-up spot would have to be reserved indoors. If this happens, many people with tickets would not be able to attend.

Another solution would have each of the different schools hold graduation ceremonies on different times and days. This would provide more tickets; therefore, more people could share in the occasion.

SU's location does not help with the graduation problem. The Eastern Shore is limited in the amount of large venues where the graduation ceremony could be held. The best solution would be to have each of the schools hold graduation on a different day. This way, more people can attend, and seniors wouldn't have to worry about choosing who will watch them graduate.

The process of collegiate education is stressful and tiresome. All students have earned the right to share the culmination of their hard work with everyone who has helped them along the way.

Letters

"I was happy to see the Flyer's return, until I read it."

Congratulations on the first printing of the Flyer in the 21st century. I must say, however that I am highly disappointed.

First off, I am a sailor at heart. No one curses more than I do. But in this case, you have outdone yourself in offending me in language and content. Please remember that sources outside the university (Such as the Daily Times) do read your work. Like it or not, you are a reflection of the student body and the University. Also, today I would be embarrassed if a prospective student picked up a copy and showed it to their parents.

Let's pick up some more timely stories! Please! The Tim Kane story is over 6 months old now.. we are all well aware of it. The movie "Kingpin" was released two or three years ago. And I can not believe you actually printed anything

about the washed up has been MC Hammer! How about some current movies or the local music scene?

In response to your story "Traffic..." two big points come to mind. First, you must have never had to make a left hand turn off Milford St. onto Eastern Shore Drive at 8:30am. Second, you must have never seen any of the horrific collisions at this intersection. Personally, I have observed two collisions in the year I lived on that street where the cars involved had actually rolled over after being hit.

I look forward to reading future issues of the flyer, and I do hope to see it continue to improve.

Best wishes,

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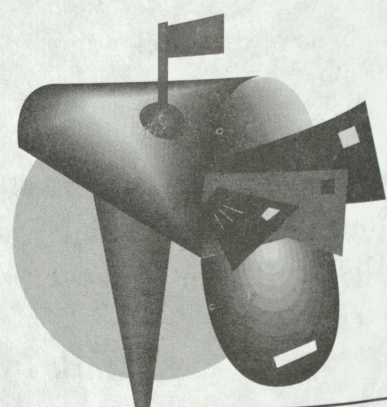
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Campus Blurbs

By Tracy Shortt

Graduation Address

The University Graduation Committee is seeking eligible students to deliver a brief address to graduating seniors this May. Criteria for eligibility include a cumulative GPA of 3.3 or above (including Winter 2002, if applicable) and completion of at least 60 semester hours at SU, of which at least 30 semester hours are in 300 or 400 level courses (grades of A, B or C). If you are interested and eligible for consideration for this honor, pick up an application and time line in the Vice

President of Student Affairs Office in the University Center, Room 212. Application and speech must be submitted by noon, March 22.

Writers-on-the Shore Series:

Novelist and poet Merle Collins reads from her works Thursday, March 7, at 7 p.m. in the Montgomery Room of the Commons at Salisbury University. Books

will be available at a reception following the lecture. For more information call, Dr. Michael Waters at (410) 543-6540.



Crime Beat for week of February 15-22 Compiled by Devon M. Welborn

2/13 2 p.m. - 9:30 p.m.

Theft — a brown mat was reported stolen from the 1st floor of the University Center.

2/16 1 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Theft — a resident of Pocomoke Hall reported that a Dodge emblem was stolen from a vehicle parked in the Devilbiss lot.

2/17 12:15 a.m.

Intoxicated Person/Alcohol Violation — officers investigated a call describing a person who was throwing up on the steps of Nanticoke Hall. A member of the Student Emergency Medical Squad was already on the scene and assisting the student. An ambulance was called. The victim, an underage

resident of Nanticoke Hall, refused medical treatment and was assisted to her room. She was watched by Resident Life staff for the remainder of the night.

2/17 5:15 a.m.

Intoxicated Person/Alcohol Violation — an underage resident of Severn Hall was found lying on the floor of a room in Pocomoke Hall. The student could not respond appropriately to questions asked by the responding officer and an ambulance was called to the scene. The student refused to be transported to the hospital.

2/19 4:39 p.m.

Suspected Marijuana Use — officers responded to the 6th floor of Severn Hall to investigate the possible odor of burning marijuana coming from a student's room. There was a faint odor detected, but no marijuana was found.

CRIME SOLVERS of the Lower Eastern Shore, Inc. will pay a reward of up to \$1,000 for information leading to the arrest and indictment of criminals or capture of wanted persons. You do not have to give your name.

CALL 548-1776

"Crime Beat" is courtesy of Salisbury University's Campus Police.

An Empty Nest on the Weekends

By Julie Wasserbach

While Salisbury University is known for having one of the best dining halls in the University of Maryland system, many students agree that the dining could be improved on the weekends. When the Gull's Nest closes at 3 p.m. on Friday, the only option is to eat at the Commons.

One of the reasons for this is there aren't as many students eating on campus during the weekend. It is not feasible financially to keep the Gull's Nest open, university dining officials said.

"Only two-thirds of the students that eat on campus during the week stay to eat on the weekends. There's not much of a reason to open the Gull's Nest if we don't have the business," said cafeteria manager Dale Kovalik.

Although many students leave town for the weekend, a lot of students don't eat on campus because they don't want to go to the Commons. It lacks a lot of the perks and conveniences that the Gull's Nest offers.

Many students work during the weekend and don't have time to sit down and eat with their friends.



"I love going to brunch at the Commons after a long Saturday night, but sometimes I don't have time to sit there all day. It would be nice to just grab something from the Gull's Nest and go," said freshman Sara Slafkowsky.

In addition to convenience, the Gull's Nest is also cheaper than the Commons. If you don't have a meal plan or are visiting the campus, it can be fairly pricey.

"It's annoying when your friends come to visit you and they have to pay eight

dollars to eat at the Commons. It would be so much better to be able to go to the Gull's Nest and grab something cheap," said sophomore Chris Keller.

Not all students care that the Gull's Nest is closed on the weekends and many are content with the hours.

"It's convenient for students that are on campus during the week to stop in and get lunch or dinner after classes or practices. On the weekends you can get the same type of food at the take-out

and delivery places," said sophomore John Small.

The idea to keep the Gull's Nest open during the weekend has been brought up to University Dining Services, but there hasn't been a strong enough interest to make the change, dining officials said.

"Our main goal here is to make everyone happy is to make everyone happy. If we see a strong interest in something, we'll look into it," said Jane Fandray of the University Dining Services.

Features

What Ails You

By Devon M. Welborn



Our seat is empty, but it's not good enough weather for a beach day, you're not leaving early for a trip off-campus, and for once you're not just skipping class "just because."

You're also not at your favorite student organization meeting, sports practice, concert, or other on-campus events. The Gull's Nest, Commons, and other SU gathering spots haven't seen you for days. Where are you, and what is your all-too-legitimate reason for disappearing from your frequent SU haunts?

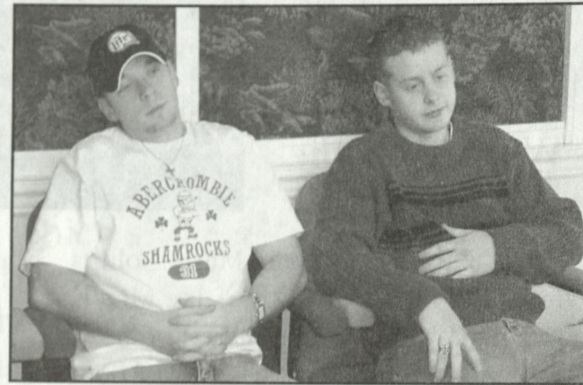
Congratulations! You're sharing—probably rather reluctantly—in the universal college experience of lying in your room and feeling miserably sick. This is something that many SU students stricken with various strains of flu have done in the past few weeks, but you might be surprised to find that flu viruses are only one of many different health problems the college population deals with each semester.

"In this age group we see a lot of upper respiratory problems," Jennifer Berkman, director of Salisbury University Health Services, said in a recent interview.

Such respiratory woes include colds, coughs, severe upper respiratory infections, asthma, bronchitis, and some allergies. The fact that 30 percent of college students smoke only makes these problems worse, as smokers are more susceptible to respiratory troubles and stay ill longer.

Disorders such as mono are also extremely common in college students, whose immune systems are usually not at peak performance. Being prone to eating nutritionally poor diets, getting insufficient sleep, and drinking excessive amounts of alcohol all put SU students at increased risk for getting many infections and not being to fight them efficiently.

Although many college students dream of the perfect tan and will eagerly seek it over the coming spring break, the sun often does more harm than good. Overexposure to UV rays can cause uncomfortable sunburns and also sun poisoning. Damage to the skin



doesn't fade with the eventual and unsightly peeling associated with these medical issues; melanoma/skin cancer can also surface.

Unfortunately, alcohol, drug, and stress-related medical problems often surface on-campus. Both overindulgence in alcohol on a regular basis and exposure to large amounts of stress can spark various gastrointestinal problems. Use of illegal drugs, which frequently occurs on college campuses, often adversely affects the heart and leads to various cardiac disorders.

Many psychosocial troubles surface or escalate during the college years. Depression and anxiety disorders are fairly common. Eating disorders like anorexia and bulimia also frequently appear or grow worse, as the average onset age of these diseases generally occurs between sixteen and eighteen years old and stress brought about by transition to college life only aggravates these disorders.

Adjusting to college life, dealing with homesickness, coping with disappointments in romantic relationships, and other conflicts associated with college-age young adults also present various mental health challenges.

Sexually transmitted diseases (STDs) and unwanted pregnancies unfortunately frequently occur in college environments, despite various health and

wellness agencies' attempts at educating students concerning these events and their prevention. Unwanted sex and date rape can also be problems, especially when alcohol is involved and inhibitions are reduced.

Injuries from intramural sports, overdoing things in gym class or when exercising alone, and general accidents common to campus life (such as missing that last step when running late) also rate high among college students.

Burns additionally occur in everywhere from in the chemistry labs to dorms that contain curling irons, and these injuries present the possibility of infection if not properly treated.

While some of these common illnesses and medical problems, such as the common cold, appear almost unavoidable, there are ways to maintain your health and minimize occurrence of some of the conditions described above:

- Consume alcohol in moderate amounts!
- Wash hands frequently, especially if around persons already sick.
- Eat a balanced diet that includes fruit and vegetables (yes—this means you must not limit yourself to fast food for every meal!); vitamins are also a good idea.
- Maintain a healthy lifestyle that includes regular exercise, preferably two to three times a week.
- Practice good hygiene habits.
- Get sufficient REST—sleep is very important in boosting the immune system and otherwise helping the body maintain itself.
- Keep an eye on any drink you may have in a social situation to prevent the addition of potential date-rape drugs by others.
- When in the sun, be reasonable—tans are adored by many, but take steps to prevent overexposure by wearing appropriate attire and using sunscreen when possible.

Try to cultivate an overall healthy lifestyle—respect yourself and others, and don't throw away the fitness tips you learned in PHEC 106!

Chat Room Chatter

By Vanessa Yarie and Melissa Kirkhoff

Alright, you know we've all had those nights where we wake up in the morning and either don't remember, or wish we could take back a few things from the night before.

However, there's always the lingering headache to remind us that we can't. This week for the online chat, we rounded up some of the best-drunk stories we could find, just for the entertainment of the Salisbury campus. All screen names have been slightly altered.

DCJT: I don't have any great ones. I guess you could say my best is getting wasted and dancing around a campfire naked in front of about 20 people yelling for it to rain.

REECH: I decided to upgrade the party to Cancun style, and table dancing proceeded, on the way home my friend said I wouldn't take a step forward unless I burped first, so I was burping all the way home ripping down lights or anything in sight... and now everyone calls me a cave man... cuz I was naked and Beast like.

FreeSafe: probably playing football outside totally wasted and getting close lined by a laundry line.

JMU04LaU: then my friend flushed her underwear down the toilet and I asked her why and she said "I dunno, I felt like it" with a very serious look on her face.

eleven11: damn this is hard... I wish I could remember things... when I'm drunk.

J F m 42: I tried to sleep in my closet once... in my clothes hamper

harpster: At midnight madness (that's when they open the Dining Hall from 12 -3 am on a Saturday night) I was so drunk. I went to drink my coke and instead of pouring it into my mouth I was pouring it all over my leg and I didn't notice it until the whole glass was all over me

stoner58: once I puked on the bathroom floor and wiped it up with a paper towel, then wiped my feet with it, then wiped my face with it ...all the same towel

lurve: I was at a frat and I was really drunk and I walked straight into a wall cause I thought it was a door and it was right across from the keg so everyone saw me

HawksL: my friend was drunk the other night and lit a firecracker in the dorm room and got nervous and threw it in a shoe and started the shoe on fire

ihummaryja: once my friend and I got pulled over by a cop when we were walking home from a party, I guess we were too drunk to operate the sidewalk

ROXI: ok so this guy was so drunk, and then he was like swaying trying to find his card to get into the building and he hit the chain link next to the door and flipped over it and fell in the bushes and couldn't get out



dgilmor: once I was dealing cards and my friend thought I was reaching for his beer, so he bit down on my hand and wouldn't let go until I convinced him that his bud ice was safe

lax00playa: I was dancing on a bar at a party and one of my friends fell off. I didn't see her fall but all the sudden I look over and there is ONE of her shoes just chillen on the bar...she is sitting on the floor in a pile of records saying, "its cool, I'm just not gonna dance on the bar anymore"

pinkgoddess: once I was driving my drunk friends home and my one friend had passed out in the passenger seat and all the sudden she wakes up and says, "am I driving right now?" and I said "yea man, you're doing a good job too"

If you would like to participate in next week's chat room discussion, the question can be found under the screenname Lisslipped from 7-9 p.m. on Tuesday nights. Feel free to comment!

Kirkin' Off

By Vanessa Yarie and Melissa Kirkhoff

As many students figure out their housing situation for next year, one of the most popular choices is University Park. After deciding the basics like whom to room with, what to decorate with and where the keg should go, there is only one question left. What kind of pet should you get?

Your first thought may lead you to something like a monkey. Genetically a monkey is somewhat closely related a human, so they are probably easy to get along with. Also monkeys are considered by many to be the best animal for lazy people. Just think of all the tricks that a monkey can be taught, anything from opening doors to lighting your four-footer. Although like all fun things you may have to smuggle a monkey into the country.

By taking a short walk to the nearest pond you could acquire a duck. The duck may be the best animal to name. Howard, Donald, Daffy or even Quackers; the possibil-

ities are endless. However, on most students' budgets, the duck would probably be fed beer and ramen noodles and just die. It may just be simpler to buy a picture of a duck and hang it on the wall. Pretending can be fun.

By far, the most useful animal to own would be a parrot. You would be able to teach the bird to say whatever you wanted. You could teach it to say anything from, "It's time to tap the keg," to a reminder of exactly when the clock strikes 4:20.

If you are extremely lazy you could just walk around campus and try to catch one of the thousands of squirrels. The best place would be around the library at nighttime where they all congregate and make their mating noises. (Yes those are squirrels). But what would you do with one after you caught it? You can't put it in a cage or let it run free around the apartment. You could build it a house, but if you're too lazy to even go and buy a pet that you have to catch one, then it's doubtful that you would want to build a

whole house for it.

If a squirrel is too much work for you maybe a pet mouse would be easier. The food would be no problem, just steal cheese from the Commons. And its home could be an old 30 pack. However, a mouse does have its downsides. You can't really walk a mouse. What would you do if you saw someone walking their pet mouse around campus? Point and laugh, probably.

The most logical thing to do is just get one of those walking leashes and show it off. It would be by far the cheapest and easiest pet. Think no food, no water, no annoying barking at 4 am. Though maybe some stares when you took it for its annual shots at the vet. Just a thought.



Horoscopes

with Sunfire Raymond, Staff Astrologer*

Aries: (March 21—April 19)
Your life-long quest for revenge will come to an end when the Shore-Stop guy gives you a refund for that spoiled Slim-Jim.

Taurus: (April 20—May 20)
Try as you may, no amount of tape will mend a broken heart, so go to the hospital already.

Gemini: (May 21—June 21)
You worry that people don't like you, but stop worrying; they don't.

Cancer: (June 22—July 22)
Killer robots from the future will be a problem this week. Don't confuse them with the helpful robots from the future.

Leo: (July 23—Aug. 22)
You will become very upset when an episode of "The Bernie Mac Show" uses a character just like you. You will become ever more upset when you phone the producers and they call you a "jive turkey."

Virgo: (Aug. 23—Sept. 22)
Uncontrollable seizures will make you center of attention at a party, and you'll love every minute of it.

Libra: (Sept. 23—Oct. 23)
You will have a life-changing event this week. How life changing? That depends on how much you use your arms and legs.

Scorpio: (Oct. 24—Nov. 21)
Tensions will flare when you find out your roommate's given you crabs. It will all blow over though, when you remember they were yours to begin with.

Sagittarius: (Nov. 22—Dec. 21)
You will abandon your dream of becoming an Olympic Ice Dancer when you realize ice dancing is gay.

Capricorn: (Dec. 22—Jan. 19)
Sure, mailing people anthrax infected letters used to be funny, but given what's happened recently; don't you think it might be time to stop?

Aquarius: (Jan. 20—Feb. 18)
You can't help but wonder if the nun-chucks you carry around are the reason you've been getting into so many kung-fu fights lately.

Pisces: (Feb. 19—March 20)
After spending some time with your inner child you understand why your parents hit you so much.

*Not an actual Astrologer

The World's Greatest?

By Paul Pundi

Is he "The Worlds Greatest?" Just ask any of the three underage girls that R-Kelly has allegedly been with. The first of the three civil suits came about in 1998. It involved Tiffany Hawkins who was 15-years-old at the time of alleged encounter with Kelly. She claimed that R-Kelly not only had sex with her but also encouraged her to have group sex with other underage girls. R-Kelly paid a \$250,000 out of court settlement and luckily kept the story from the media. The second civil suit involved Tracy Sampson, who was 17-years-old when she was an intern at Epic records. She claims that during her internship at Epic, Kelly used his position of power to coerce her into a 10-month relationship, lasting from May 2000 to March 2001. Sampson is seeking \$50,000 in the civil suit.

R-Kelly's most recent legal trouble involves a video tape that was anonymously mailed to The Chicago Sun Times. The tape, which is a full 27 minutes and three years old, shows a man resembling Kelly committing unnamed sexual acts with a 14-year-old girl.

During an interview with a Chicago-based television station WMAQ, Kelly defended himself saying, "It's very difficult for me, but you know, I'm innocent, so it's not that difficult. It's crap, and that's how we're going to treat it."

Kelly's lawyer, John M. Touhy, stated



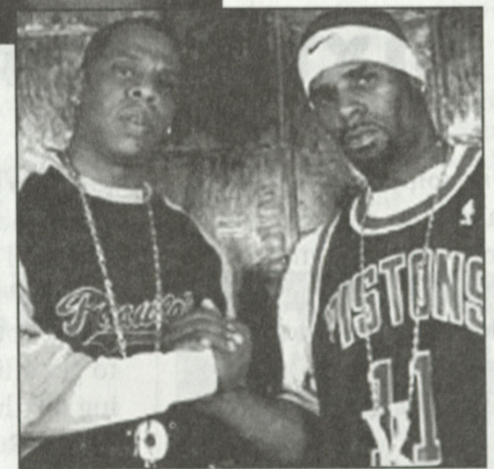
"No videotape of Robert Kelly having sex with an underage girl exists, and any such statements that there is such a videotape are false and malicious." He continued describing the accusations as a, "blatant attempt to do as much damage to Robert Kelly as possible."

Kelly believes that the tape is a fabrication made by a former

employee who recently tried to blackmail him. In the same interview with WMAQ Kelly said, "The reason these things are happening, I really do believe, is because of the fact that I didn't fall back as far as blackmail was concerned."

I didn't give them any money. All I know is this — I have a few people in the past that I've fired, ... people that I've thought were my friends that's not my friends. Ever since then, it's been threats on what they're gonna do to me, and ... if I don't pay them this, they'll put a story out ... and when I refuse to pay them, and now here come this story. ... The world is getting ready to watch me sing a song called 'The World's Greatest,' and you've got a tape out there trying to ruin my career."

The ongoing investigation of the tape will not interfere with R-Kelly's new CD with Jay-Z called The Best of Both Worlds which comes out March 26th. Jay-Z said Kelly is in good spirits. "He's cool. It's the gift and the curse."



MEN

Tennis Preview

WOMEN

By Kim Riddleberger

Entering the 2002 season after a strong second place finish in the Capital Athletic Conference tournament behind Mary Washington in 2001, the SU Men's Tennis Team is looking to give its competition a run for their money this spring.

With the return of 2001 CAC Rookie of the Year Nick Peel, and 2001 CAC Coach of the Year, Randy Halfpap, their task might be a little easier.

Leading the pack as the #1 seed is sophomore Nick Peel who is also ranked #12 in the entire South Atlantic Region. The #2 seed had not been determined by Flyer's deadline, however, vying for the position is Greg Forster and Scott Mayberry. The #4 seed is senior Ed Snyder, #5, sophomore Jacob Cook, #6, senior Charles Daly, #7, sophomore Matt Vechiolla, and #8, freshman Jamie Engles.

Important matches for the Gulls are Catholic and Mary Washington, which are both in-Conference match ups. SU finished second to Mary Washington last year in the CAC, but will be coming on strong. Another interesting match will be against St. Mary's College, whose new head coach is former SU assistant Ben Madarang. SU's first home match is against St. Mary's on March 9th at noon, so come on out!

A history-making season in 2001 has left the SU Women's Tennis team with high hopes for 2002. Last spring the Lady Gulls earned their first ever NCAA Tournament berth, held in Lexington, VA. Not only did they accomplish this feat, but they also finished second in the Capital Athletic Conference behind Mary Washington. What makes them even more hopeful for 2002 is the fact that only one person from the 2001 team isn't on this year's roster.

"We should be really competitive this season due to the fact that we all have another year under our belts and we've all made substantial improvements," says sophomore #3 seed Sam Coldren.

"Mary Washington should be tough again this year, but we're looking to defeat them because we only lost one person compared to their four."

Swarthmore will also be gunning for the Gulls because of a missed opportunity to get into the tournament last year due to a cancelled match with SU. Salisbury was chosen over Swarthmore based on other match scores against similar opponents.

Senior #1 seed Bridget Dellar will be leading the team with her experience and skill, #2 is junior Jody Cogar, #3, sophomore Sam Coldren, #4, sophomore Cassie Meyer, #5, junior Heather Tyng, #6 senior Krissy Dryden, and #7, sophomore Lisa Carroll. Also on the team is junior Amy Campion and sophomore Lauren Reese.

The SU women are entering their season under third year head coach Randy Halfpap, and their first home match is on March 3rd against Hollins bright and early at 9 am! It's a Sunday morning, so no one should have trouble getting up right?

The Sixth Man

By Jeff Tessier

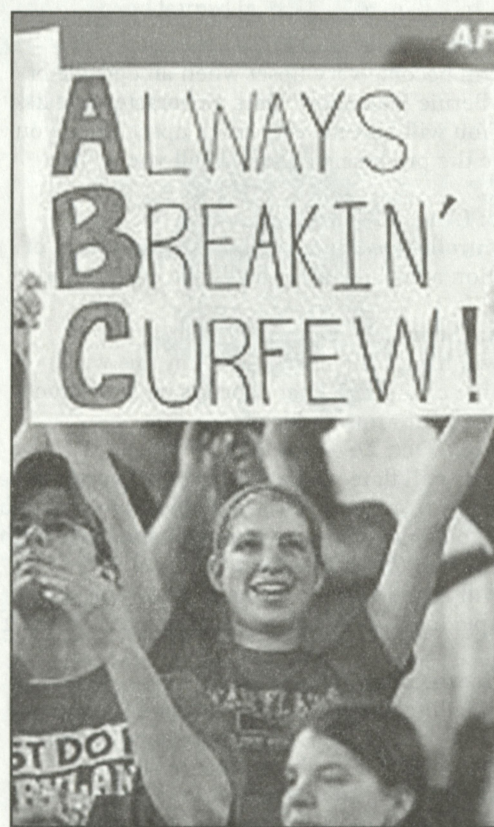
We're gonna beat the hell outa you, and you, and you, and you, and you!" This cheer can be heard blasting throughout Cole Field House during the opening tip at every Maryland basketball game. The Terps are without a doubt one of the top powerhouses in the nation, along with Kansas, Duke, and Cincinnati. So what is it about the Terps that teams fear the most? Is it the quickness of Juan Dixon, or the big man in the middle, Lonny Baxter? Nope, it's the sixth man, the fans.

A student at College Park described what it was like to be in the stands for a game at Cole. "Everyone wears red, students paint their bodies red and black, everyone's standing the whole time just hollering and screaming, it's awesome!" During the introduction of the visiting team, the student section gets out newspapers and pretends to be reading

them. When the head coach is introduced, the students ball up the papers and hurl them at the bench. Last season, Carlos Boozer's mother was pelted with a water bottle. Terps fans have been known to get a little out of control while cheering for their team.

Roughly 33,000 students are enrolled at the University of Maryland. The student section in Cole holds 4,000. You do the math. Student's campout and wait in line for days just to get a seat for the big game. The line of tents and sleeping bags is appropriately referred to as "Garyland," named after head coach Gary Williams.

Maryland hosts Virginia March 3rd in their final regular season game. This will be the last game played in Cole Field House. A new facility is being built, The Comcast Center, and is slated to open this summer.



College Park fans cheer their team to victory.

Basketball CAC Title

By Wayne Carter, Jr.

Fool me once, shame on you. Fool me twice, shame on me.

That's how Marymount head coach Bill Finney must feel after his team left freshman guard Cyndi Benjamin wide open under the net late in the second half, allowing her to score two easy buckets that halted the Saints comeback and pushed the Sea Gulls to their third consecutive CAC Championship in Women's Basketball on Sunday, winning 71-56.

Salisbury and Marymount had split the season series with the road team winning each time. The teams were tied going into the last game of the regular season and finished one-two in the conference when Marymount lost to York, 57-56.

The teams had some epic battles last season as well, meeting in the CAC Championship where the Seagulls won 70-67 behind junior Amy Campion and since-graduated senior Lisa Neylan's strong efforts. They met again just a week later in the NCAA tournament where a determined Candice Brown led the Saints to a 64-59 victory, with a game high of 23 points.

Salisbury found themselves behind 11-6 in the early-goings before they exploded offensively and outscored Marymount 22 to eight over the next few minutes to take a commanding lead. The Saints then found a rhythm and knotted the game at 30 behind senior Brown's eight first-half points and the play of sophomore Katie Jarvis down low.

Sophomore Rachel Lanning then came alive both offensively and defensively, scoring four points and forcing a steal in the final minutes of the first half to give the Gulls a 40-34 lead at the intermission. Lanning would finish with 12 points on the day.

The Lady Gulls played tenacious defense the entire game and turning things

up in the second period, holding the Saints to .267 shooting from the floor. The D put pressure on the Marymount squad, forcing 20 turnovers, including 13 steals, seven by junior Campion. Salisbury also clamped down on the Saint's Brown, who had scorched them in previous meetings, allowing her to score only two second half points.

Salisbury was running away with the game and took a 14-point advantage on a three-point shot by Campion when Jarvis, last season's CAC Rookie of the Year again found room to make plays. Jarvis scored 10 of her team-high 20 points during a 16-9 run that closed the Salisbury lead to six before Benjamin silenced a Saint comeback.

Benjamin came off the bench when starter Gen Olds got into foul trouble and the Marymount players seemed to forget about her, instead focusing their attention on stopping Campion, the CAC's top scorer.

As Bonnie Tyler's "I Need a Hero" played over the loudspeakers, Benjamin was able to fill that role for the Salisbury squad.

"I told [Benjamin] before she went in, I could play anyone," said head coach Bridget Benshetler, "but I knew she had to ability to come up big."

Benjamin, who is known for her rebounding abilities according to Benshetler, only had six points on the day, but the last four were huge.

Campion found Benjamin on a cross-court pass. Benjamin would then go inside on an out of position Marymount defender to swing momentum back to Salisbury. Saints' guard Ashlee Courter then banked in one of her three treys on the day before senior Jaime Kohlenstein would again find Benjamin wide open under the net for the easy basket and

sparking a strong finish for the Gulls. Fueled with the emotion of a fired-up home crowd Salisbury would go on a 12-6 run to end the game and claim their third CAC Championship in as many years.

"It's so hard just to win one championship," said an elated Benshetler, "but three, let alone three straight. Wow."

Campion finished the game with a double-double, netting a team high 21 points and adding 10 boards. Kenney collected six rebounds to go along with 16 points on the day. Campion and Kenny finished one-two in scoring for the Gulls in the CAC Tournament, with 53 and 47 points respectively.

"We're very happy with the win," said Campion. "We felt more confident this year than we did last year."

The girls were not a likely choice to win the CAC for a third time after graduating star seniors Michelle Deschu, Elisabeth Barfuss and all-time leading scorer Neylan, but find themselves on top again, and in the NCAA tournament for the fifth time in eight seasons.

"Our goal this year is to get past the Final 32," said Benshetler, "We have to take everything one step at a time and we've never gone that far before."

The team is peaking at the right time according to Campion, winning eight straight and outscoring their opponents by over 23 points a game.

The girls earned an automatic bid into the NCAA tournament with the win and will likely get a first round bye and host a game at the Maggs Center on Saturday.

Kohlenstein Nets 1000th

By Matt Marsolais

The Salisbury Women's Basketball team is having one of those special seasons, Jamie Kohlenstein especially. On Tuesday the 19th, Kohlenstein, also known as "Coleslaw" by her teammates, scored her 1000th career point. She finished the quarter-final match-up against Gallaudet with 12 points, helping the Gulls rout Bison and pull closer to the CAC trophy.

Kohlenstein entered the game only three points shy of the milestone and every member of the gym knew it. As the nervous crowd impatiently awaited those last three points, Kohlenstein was remarkable calm. It wasn't until the five-minute mark that "Coleslaw" hit the mark.

When asked about her highlight she answered rather modestly.

"I never really started focusing on it until people started talking to me about it," Kohlenstein said. "Now that it is over, it's like a monkey off my back."

The Seagulls started off a little shaky but the full court pressure defense helped them to break away towards the end of the first half.

"We usually come out of the gates slow, but tonight after that 15 point run we started to break away" said Kohlenstein of Salisbury's sluggish start.

Pam Kenny and Amy Campion, who recently scored her 1000th point, were the main focuses in that first half run. The inside, outside tandem finished with 15 and 13 points, respectively.

What's on Tap...

Baseball vs. Gallaudet
Saturday, March 2 at 12 p.m.

Women's Lacrosse vs. Notre Dame (MD)
Saturday, March 2 at 1 p.m.

Men's Lacrosse vs. York
Sunday, March 3 at 1 p.m.

Women's Tennis vs. Hollins
Sunday, March 3 at 9 a.m.

Seagulls Down Catholic 18-2

By Jeff Tessier

Not even a flat tire could keep the Seagulls from taking down Catholic 18-2 in their season opener. The bus carrying the men's lacrosse team blew a tire on the Bay Bridge while driving through a construction zone. A bolt holding the temporary Jersey walls in place caused the flat tire. "It definitely puts a wrinkle in the day. We were scrambling to get warmed up," said Head coach Jim Berkman. After about an hour of playing catch in the parking lot of McDonalds along rt. 50, the Seagulls boarded the repaired bus; it was all business from there.

Arriving at Catholic University about an hour behind schedule, the Seagulls took the field ready to play. This year the Gulls dress 3 freshmen goalies. "I've never started a freshmen goalie, it's a

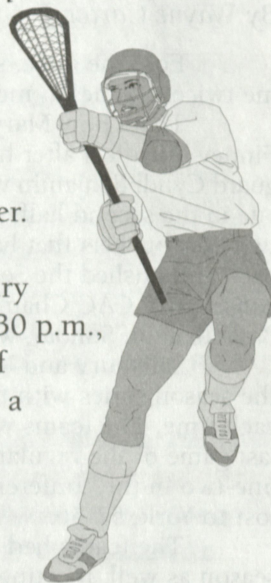
unique situation," said Berkman. Danny Korpon posted 4 saves on 5 shots, in 3 quarters of play. "First game as a Seagull, I had a lot of fun out there. It's great to have a solid defense out there with me," said Korpon.

On the offensive side of the field, the gulls were powered by the starting attack of sophomores Andy Arnold and Corey O'Neil, accompanied by Senior Steve Brianis. Arnold banged out 4 goals, along with fellow sophomore midfielder Andy Murry, scoring 3. The Seagull's offense proved to be too much for the Cardinals, who fell 18-2 when the final whistle blew.

Although the gulls soared to victory, there's still work to be done if they want to play in the finals on Memorial Day weekend. "I think one area we can

improve on is our stick work. We had a few dropped balls and missed passes. We need to tune up our sticks," said Berkman.

The Seagull's quest for another championship is officially underway. "It was just blowing up out there," said junior midfielder Chris Leber. The Gulls arrived safely back at Salisbury University around 6:30 p.m., with their first win of the 2002 season, and a souvenir flat bus tire to go with it.



"Side Out"

By Matt Marsolais

Before I start this review, I want to say one thing, "Hope Floats" sucks. Okay, now...

If you read mostly every review you can find on the movie "Side Out", you would find that 99% of critics say it sucks. Well lucky for you, I am not a real critic so here is your uneducated review. I loved this movie. Yeah, the plot stunk and the acting was horrible, but the volleyball and the lovemaking were both intense. Not only will this movie tell you a few things on bump, set, and spike; it will also give you some great tips on how to woo your woman.

Monroe Clark (C. Thomas Howell) is a Midwestern attorney who catches a break when he moves out to California for the summer. Instead of doing work, he decides to hang out at the beach with his shirt off and work on his tan. While he is there he meets Zack Barnes (Peter Horton), an ex-King of the Beach. Wouldn't you know it, the attorney has some experience in volleyball as well. So, they hookup (No, I don't mean "hookup" in the college sense) and

decide to enter the biggest volleyball tourney of the year. I don't want to give anything away, but they win the tournament.

So, this is a B film. For me, all a movie needs is sports, a fight scene, and a little loving on the side. If any of you have ever played the original Nintendo game "Kings of the Beach" you would find that Randy Stoklos and Sinjin Smith are the best players in that game. You would also find that the game is addictive and sometimes when you try and type in your code to go to a level it doesn't work. You could play it for two hours and get to level ten, but the code would never let you back. Man, that pissed me off. Anyways, Stoklos and Smith star as the team to beat in the final game. If you're not going to watch it after all this, you'd probably be better off crying to Titanic...wimp.

SPORTS MOVIE OF THE WEEK

